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President's Message

Mickey McCamish, President

Fellow Navy Leaguers...

Now that fall has arrived, we are looking forward to several upcoming activities. By the time this issue of *Compass Points* goes to publication, we will have celebrated our Navy League hosted 243rd U. S. Navy Birthday Ball. This year's committee was chaired by Navy Leaguer Billy Hewitt with this year's Ball occurring on the actual birthday date, October 13th, of the Navy. A good time was had by all who attended with entertainment provided by J103 personality, Ted Gocke, and U. S. Navy Chief America Henry serving as the Master of Ceremonies along with singing of our National Anthem.

Another upcoming event is our annual membership meeting and Holiday Party on November 29, 2018. This year's Nominating Committee is chaired by Bill Hewitt with the proposed officers listed on page 2 of this newsletter. Entertainment at our meeting will be provided by Stacy Kehoe and Chief America Henry.

Also, please mark your calendar for Saturday, December 15, 2018, noon with the laying of wreaths on the gravestones at Chattanooga National Cemetery. A major effort is underway to place a wreath on all 43,000 gravestones. This has never happened before and your Navy League is one of the organizations trying to make this happen. In achieving this goal of 43,000 decorated gravestones, Chattanooga will be second largest to Arlington National Cemetery (approximately 250,000 gravestones) in making this happen. It's a great opportunity to remember and honor our fallen heroes.

Before being relieved of my duties as President, it has been an honor for me to have served. Frequently, I think of my twenty seven year Navy career. Being so involved with the Navy League of the United States-Greater Chattanooga Area Council

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Annual Member Meeting - Nov 29th

PARTY TIME

Just when you may have thought that the pace of Navy League activities was calming down, there is **BREAKING NEWS!** (...in case you haven't been totally worn out by that headline this fall).

Our **Annual Member meeting** is coming up in a few weeks—**November 29th**. Normally held in December, the Annual Meeting was moved forward so that it would be less likely to conflict with the many other events that get crammed into the first few weeks of December. We hope that this makes it easier for more members to attend.

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Veterans Day Nat Cemetery Ceremony ... Nov 11	Nov 11
(Park at Nat Guard Holtzclaw Ave 2PM)	
Member Annual Meeting/Holiday Party ... Nov 29	Nov 29
National Cemetery Wreath Laying.....Dec 15	Dec 15

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Annual Meeting & Party.....

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One thing is definite: the fun and comradeship that wells up in this party-like meeting, whether held in December or November, will be the same as has been its reputation in previous years. Stacy Kehoe is a master at getting everyone involved. **America Henry** will be part of the entertainment! Holding the meeting at the Walden Club will make this get-together especially festive.

At the same time, however, this is also our most serious meeting because it is in this Official Annual Meeting that we elect our Officers & Directors for the following year. It is important that we have a good turnout to make our election official.

Don't delay getting your reservation in to Mark Parks no later than noon, Tuesday Nov 27. Details on last page.

the president's message

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by Jack Spittler has enabled me to relive those years. I thank you for allowing me this very high honor.

With the highest level of appreciation and thanks to each of you for being a member of the Navy League of the United States-Greater Chattanooga Area Council.



Mickey McCamish, President of Chattanooga Navy League, doing what he has done so often and so well — hosting our meetings and welcoming our presenters, guest and members. Here with CDR Joey Tanner and wife, Ashley, at our October meeting where CDR Tanner updated us on Naval Aviation

Officer & Director Nominees for 2019

Stacy Kehoe — President

David Smith — Secretary

Mark Parks — Treasurer

Mickey McCamish — Director &

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Ron Galante — Director

Bill Hewitt — Director -Legislative Affairs

Alden Perry — Director -Military Affairs

Joe Holloway — Director -Membership &

Retention

Dan Saieed — Director -Programs

Willard Rice — Director -Compass Points

Larsen Mick — Director

Bill Conner — Director

Bruce Weeks — Director

Members: Take note of this free event on Veterans day. (Sorry for the foggy image. Had to grab it via computer screen photo.)

**FREE VETERAN'S
DAY CONCERT**
CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE END OF WWI

Sunday, November 11th
Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Auditorium
4:00PM

David Carroll, Emcee
Chattanooga Symphony & Opera
Kayoko Dary, CSO Music Director & Conductor

**Chattanooga Music Club with special guest
Ken Double at the Mighty Austin organ**

Lee University Singers
Dr. Brad Moffett, Director

**Join us for this afternoon concert
featuring iconic patriotic pieces as
we pay tribute to the brave men
and women who have served our
country!**

Wreath Campaign Update

League members stepping up

In the September-October *Compass Points*, there was an article announcing the campaign to collect funds for wreaths to be laid on the gravestones at the Chattanooga National Cemetery in mid- December. With 43,000 gravestones, this is a herculean task but significant progress is being made. Many organizations around the city are working hard on the goal.

We made an appeal to Navy League members to join in and we have already made good progress – with over \$860 already donated in the name of the Navy League. (Checks should be mailed to *Wreaths Across Chattanooga: ATTN: Captain Mickey McCamish, 180 Hamm Road, Chattanooga, TN 37405.*

Write “On behalf of Navy League” on the info line of the check so your donation can be attributed to the Navy League. Each \$10 pays for a wreath. The donation is needed by Dec 1 so wreaths can be ordered for the Dec 15 wreath laying. With a month to go, **it would be great if direct member contributions could break through \$1500 in total.**

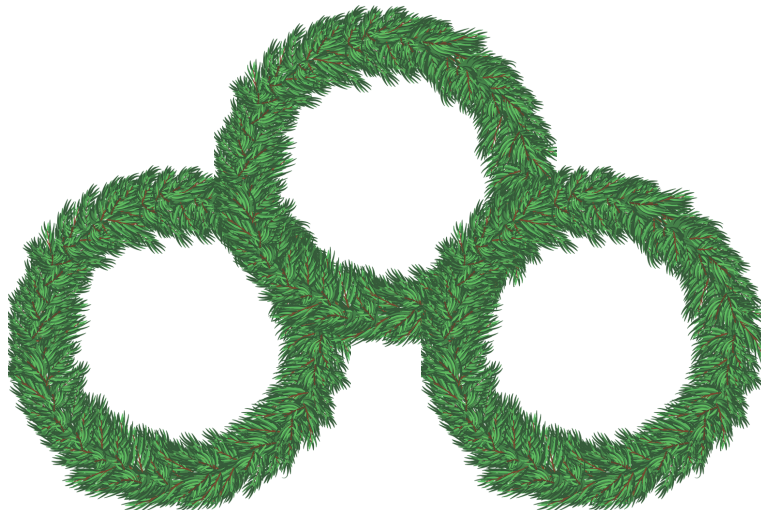
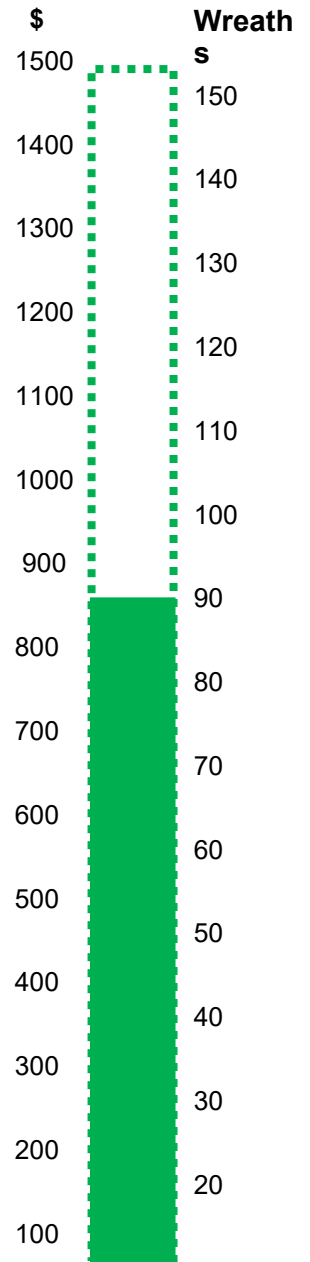
These direct member contributions are not the only way the Navy League is supporting the campaign.

Collaborating with Mickey, Coast Guard Master Chief Sean McMahon (our August dinner speaker) and the owner of Surfs Up Car Wash, Jon Woodward, raised \$1915 (– including \$1000 given by Jon) at a weekend car washing event . Then, through other activities and contacts (where Navy League was identified as part of the overall effort), the local effort has secured commitments for nearly \$6500 more. And, to cap it all, a \$10,000 contribution from Unum is close to happening.

These “outside” contributions are truly significant but also our direct Navy League member contributions will symbolize the Council’s support of the worthwhile goal. If you can be there, the December 15 wreath laying will give something back to you. No matter what, the weather doesn’t matter. Our soldiers are there all the time. All are welcome.



Chattanooga National Cemetery with wreaths on some of the gravestones last year



Our Council’s direct tally to date above



The Navy Ball A Home Run!



What more can be said! The Ball committee hit it out of the park ... again! Since taking on the task of hosting the Navy Ball three years ago, the Navy League has been ably supported by a great committee of Navy Leaguers and Reservists who pitched in to make the Ball an event most attendees counted amongst one of their best nights out of the year.

With the financial support provided by the superb fundraising accomplished in the previous year, the Ball committee was able to provide tickets to attendees with military background service that ranged from free to \$30 depending on rank and slightly more for "pure civilians". Quite a bargain in light of the great dinner, music and entertainment.

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Master of Ceremonies Navy Chief America Henry started the evening on a high note and kept it there. FM 103.1 Radio professional Ted Gocke entertained us with exuberance and provided a performance like no other.



The Brass was there. How do they ever sort out who gets which one at the end of the night?

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The Civil Air Patrol TN187 Training Squadron got things started with their precision presentation of Colors. Then LCDR Mark Cox Chaplain, USN, did the Invocation. One of the highlights of the evening was the performance America Henry provided – with her singing of the *Star Spangled Banner* which froze everyone in their tracks! Suddenly, her clear voice filled the room with her inspiring version.

Her contribution wasn't just that. As Master of Ceremonies she ably managed the evening from that point on introducing VIPs to the podium and leading toasts. Toward the end of the evening, she became the "sugar daddy" --- plucking an endless series of door prize tickets from the chance bowl to the delight of scores of happy winners—especially those that won the dozen envelopes with anywhere from \$50 to \$200 in them.

The entertainment for the evening was a tour de force performance by Ted Gocke (of 103.1 FM radio) in which he acted out, through pantomime and lip-synch, a complex story of how the Lone Ranger came into being!

Now, if you weren't there, there is no way to explain how this could possibly be entertaining or interesting to a group as varied as that at the Ball! But, nearly all were knocked back on their heels by the sheer energy, physicality and enthusiasm he projected. A look around the room discovered almost everyone in awe.

(Editor's Note: Admittedly, there was a degree of well-meaning but specific religiosity in his "message" that may have impinged on some attendees' beliefs which was not the intention of the Navy League. Navy League, as an organization, has no political or religious partisanship.)



October Member Dinner Meeting

For those members who were able to squeeze in the October dinner meeting in the same week that the Navy Ball was held, they were rewarded by an informative presentation by CDR Joey Tanner, the Commanding Officer of the Chattanooga Naval Operation Support Center. As promised in the last issue of *Compass Points*, CDR Tanner put us in touch with the “real” Navy --- the Navy personnel doing their everyday jobs of serving the country.

With his deep experience in Navy aviation and, in particular, the process of turning groundlings into flyers, we gained a renewed appreciation of the gauntlet that naval aviators pass through before they earn their wings and finally join a squadron.

His enthusiasm for the subject was so palpable that it was no surprise to learn that his tour in Chattanooga is going to be cut to two years rather than the standard three so the Navy can get him back into an active flying role.

CDR Tanner also gave us a sense of how the Navy Reserve operates and how it is staffed. The local unit has 11 active duty personnel who form the base for the approximate 150 reservists who drill at the center.

Nationally, there are about 49,000 drilling reservists (in paid positions) down from about double that level a few years ago, But the good news is that, in this past year, there was a substantial increase in the number of hours the reservists could be on duty, get trained and paid. He was greatly pleased about that trend and what it meant for increasing the proficiency of the Navy Reserve.

On their part, CDR Tanner and his wife, Ashley, were effusive in appreciating a rare night out without their three young sons. Anytime Commander, come back for dinner – and even bring them! There are lots of grandparents in our group. We understand!



CDR Joseph (Joey) D. Tanner addressing our October dinner participants. Maybe Navy aviators wear those cool bomber jackets to make sure the non-aviators feel a little inadequate.?



Mark & Patty Parks



Tom & Pat McGrath



October Dinner Celebrants



Harriette & Earl Hereford



Stacy Kehoe & Laurel Niemeyer



Ron & Sue Galante.



Louise Cash & Brainerd Cooper

Vince Patterson, Laurel & John Niemeyer



Ed Shropshire & Dave Smith



*Dick Lewellan,
Willard & Linda Rice and Larson Mick*



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But definitely on ..
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Navy League Donates To Howard High Schools NJROTC

Thursday, October 25, 2018



Captain Mickey McCamish, USN (RET), Executive Principal Dr. Le Andrea Ware, Vice President/Secretary/Youth Program Director Stacy Kehoe, and in the back, Senior Naval Instructor, LCDR Ames, USCG

The Greater Chattanooga Navy League Council supports two youth programs in the Chattanooga-area. One of the youth programs is the NJROTC program at Howard High School. Through yearly and quarterly donations, the Greater Chattanooga Navy League Council assists Howard High School in achieving their educational goals.

Don't Forget

You didn't think you would get through this holiday season without another chance to get some Chattanooga Navy League Koozies did you?



There are many reasons for every Chattanooga Navy Leaguer to stock up on our drink cooler: aka "koozie" –Keep your water, juice, soda or beer cans & bottles cool—or keep your coffee mug extra warm.

Useful to inform or brag about Chattanooga Navy League. Proceeds from sales will bolster our accounts. \$1.50 each or a set of 4 for \$5 or 8 for \$9.

Prices include mailing or just get some at the Nov 29 dinner

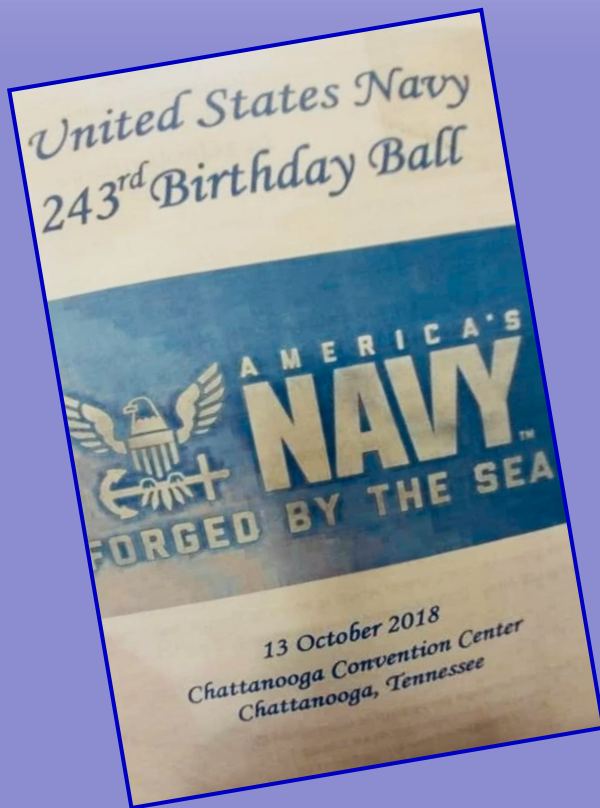
Think... Parties, Holiday Gifts....Grandchildren!

Send your order request (check to NLUS Chattanooga or cash) to: Willard K. Rice, Jr, 8662 McKenzie Lane, Ooltewah TN 37363

Questions:: Home 423 910 1787, Cell 603 557 7224 ; e-mail: wkrice@aol.com



The Navy Ball ... A Blast !



The Navy League has a long tradition of honoring those who have fallen in service to their country —as symbolized by the POW-MIA table with its lighted candle



With three League-hosted Navy Ball's in the record books, Chattanooga Navy League's Past President Ron Galante and current President Mickey McCamish rightly seem pleased. Through their leadership, our Council has ensured that the tradition lives on.

The Navy Ball ... A Blast !



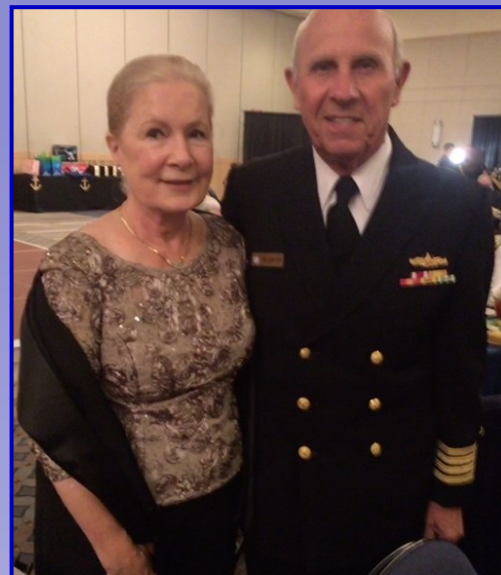
CDR Joey Tanner unsheaths the equipment needed for cutting up the US Navy's birthday cake.



Cutting the Cake: Oldest Navy veteran Robert Lord and youngest Navy member Alisha Bonam do the honors. Alisha reports for training shortly. Mr Lord served on the USS Juneau CL119 firing the first shore bombardments salvos in the Korean War.



Looks like the Master of Ceremony pressure is finally off! America Henry now looking relaxed with Ben Abrams



Chattanooga Navy League President Captain Mickey McCamish USN (Ret) and wife Carol

The Navy Ball ... A Blast !



Colors were expertly presented by Civil Air Patrol TN 187 Training Squadron



The Compass Points team of Willard Rice & Mary Dall with Mary's sister Marcia Glenn (on right)



Bill Hewitt and Dave SmithHow do they do it? Still looking sharp in their uniforms!



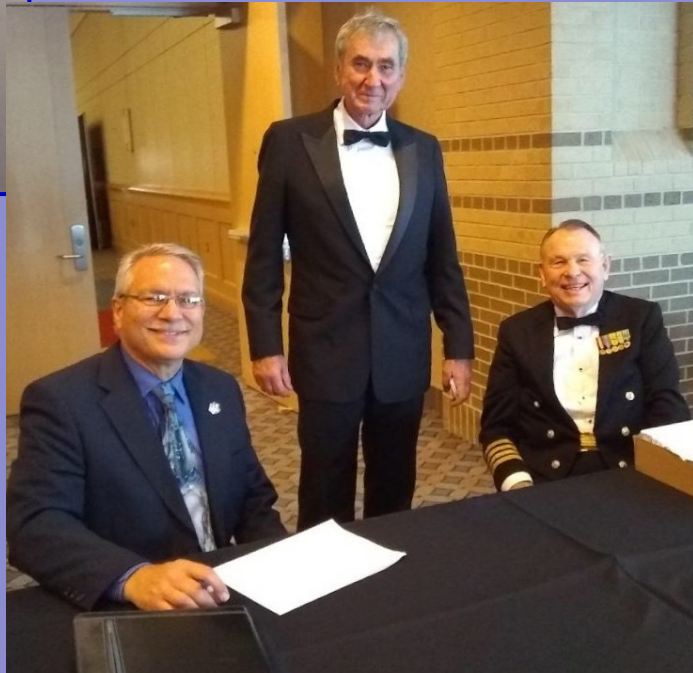
Mickey McCamish with Ted Gocke

Ted: "Have you ever wondered how Superman got his name? I've got another skit."

The Navy Ball ... A Blast !



Let's see ..In 180 years we can reuse the cupcakes we put in the freezer by rearranging the numbers and they'll match our area code!



The security was tight at the door with cheerful ticket checkers Mark Parks and Bill Hewitt backed up by bouncer Willard Rice.



Sue Galante and Linda Rice wondering where their dates went to.



There was some serious fun being had.

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Educate community leaders about the importance of Sea Power to our nation's survival and continued prosperity

Directly support the men and women serving in the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine

Support Sea Service family members: The parents, spouses, children, and other relatives of service members

Support the youth of our communities by giving time, talent and money to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Naval & Marine Corps Junior ROTC units



OUR ADOPTED COMMAND AND UNITS

Make Plans Now to Join Us

COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING DINNER
Thursday, November 29, 2018



Republic Center, 633 Chestnut Street, Suite 2100
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37450

Social Time (Cash Bar in adjacent lounge)	6:00 PM
Welcome (Members & Guests please take seats)	6:30 PM
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance	6:35 PM
Buffet Dinner	6:45 PM
Election & Installation of Officers & Directors	7:30 PM
Entertainment, Raffles & Games	7:45 PM
Adjournment	8:30 PM

Please complete and return the dinner reservation form, below, to arrive no later than noon Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

RESERVATION FORM

COUNCIL DINNER MEETING
Thursday, November 29, 2018

NLUS Members:	_____ X	\$30.00 =	\$_____ .00
Non-Member Guests	_____ X	\$40.00 =	\$_____ .00

Please **print** the names of all guests and members:

Reservations may be **phoned** in to Mark Parks: 423-326-0839, **no later than NOON, Tuesday, November 27**. Mark may also be reached at parks8192@gmail.com. Reservations and/or cancellations should **reach us NO LATER THAN NOON, TUESDAY, November 27, 2018**. Mail reservation form, along with your check, made payable to *Chattanooga Navy League*, to:

Mark Parks
6920 Sawtooth Drive
Ooltewah, TN 37363-6894



Or pay, via **PayPal**, by logging on to our website:

www.chattanooganavyleague.org

NOTE: Pay-at-the-door without Advance Reservations is \$45.00 per person. Regrettably, **no shows will be charged the full amount for dinner.**